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King Khaled

Khaled cables Tarakki

TAIF, Aug. 20 (SPA)—King Khaled Sunday cabled his greetings to President Muhammad Nur Tarakki of Afghanistan on the occasion of his country's independence.

The King wished Tarakki health and happiness and the Afghan people further progress and prosperity.

Sultan receives Fateh aide

TAIF, Aug. 20 (SPA)—Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan Sunday received Fateh's Representative in Saudi Arabia, Yassin Al-Sharif.

Following the meeting, Sharif said he conveyed to Prince Sultan the greetings of PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat "and the gratitude of the Palestinian Command for the courageous Saudi stand toward the Palestinians and their just cause."

He added that he discussed with the prince latest Arab developments and their impact on the Palestinian Revolution.

Sharif stressed that Palestinian leaders "are keen on keeping Saudi Arabia informed."

London commando raid on El Al bus kills two

LONDON, Aug. 20 (Agencies)—A Palestinian commando group claimed it carried out a furious machine gun and grenade attack on an Israeli El Al airline bus here Sunday in which an air hostess was killed.

A man who also died in the assault outside the Europa Hotel was said by bystanders to be an Arab blown up by his own grenade.

Nine persons were hurt, three seriously, by bullets, flying grenade splinters or blast—all but two of them bystanders.

Police in a car chased one man as he fled down a side street and arrested him. Police were alerted to hunt for a grey Renault car carrying two or three Arabs.

A statement telephoned to a Reuters office abroad said the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) carried out the attack, saying that El Al was a military body used to carry spare parts and volunteers to Israel.

"The PFLP-Special Operations considers El Al a military target and will strike at it wherever it can. This attack is a last warning to all passengers against the use of the airline," the caller said.

The attack was launched as the bus brought 21 airline staff—but no passengers—to the Europa for a night's stop over after a flight from New York to London.

"It was just like a battle-



LONDON ATTACK: Policemen check the area around the El Al airliner bus outside the Europa Hotel in central London Monday, after gunmen opened fire with machine guns and exploded hand grenades, killing two people and injuring nine others. (wirephoto)

ground—there was blood everywhere," hotel porter David Faulding later told reporters.

One bystander said he watched one commando pull grenades from a satchel and hurl them at the bus.

One exploded under a taxi in the hotel forecourt, blowing it up.

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Hoss: Lebanese government feels let down by Americans

BEIRUT, Aug. 20 (Agencies)—Prime Minister Salim Hoss was quoted in Beirut Sunday as saying the Lebanese government felt let down by the United States over the despatch of a Lebanese army unit to the South.

In an interview with the English-language weekly magazine "Monday Morning," Dr. Hoss said the U.S. was one of the countries which encouraged the despatch of the unit, now pinned down in Kawakaba, South Lebanon by Israeli-backed militias.

He was quoted as saying he had discussed with two visiting U.S. diplomats "the manner in which the U.S. could help to preclude Israel from taking a hostile stand in the South."

He added: "I was assured of U.S. intervention of the sort that would facilitate the job of the government in the South in relation to Israel wherever necessary."

Hoss also accused Israel of trying to incite sectarian disputes in Lebanon.

He was commenting on a radio Israel report, which quoted Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin as saying that

Israel supported Christians and Shia Muslims in Lebanon "and will not stand idle while a people was annihilated by Syria."

Hoss said "Israel's attempts to incite sectarian dispute has become exposed to world opinion, and its allegations of annihilation of a part of the Lebanese people is part of continuous attempts to intervene overtly in our internal affairs."

Meanwhile, United Nations chiefs met Sunday to discuss the mission of the U.N. forces in Lebanon.

Under Secretary-General Brian Atwood said the mission was to see the Persian-language film "The Deer" and to escape the

'Saboteurs' blamed Cinema fire kills 377 in Iran

TEHRAN, Aug. 20 (Agencies)—One of the worst cinema fires in history killed 377 people, many of them women and children, in the Iranian city of Abadan, and Iran's official news agency Sunday blamed the disaster on saboteurs.

Radio Tehran announced a national period of mourning.

"Provocative elements, destructors and those who wear different masks to fight the Iranian revolution were responsible for the cowardly and un-human action," said Gen. Reza Razmi, the police chief in Abadan.

Empress Farah ordered the governor of Khuzistan, Bagher Namazi, to meet with the relatives of the victims and find out their needs.

Prime Minister Jamshid Amuzegar told representatives of workers Sunday that the fire would not deter the government from pursuing its reform policies.

Police said the theater's only exit had been locked as an anti-terrorist measure Saturday night, trapping the frantic, screaming but helpless crowd which included mostly youngsters.

A survivor said many of the victims were trampled to death. Authorities said between 20 and 40 escaped, some through a roof exit.

Police said the arsonists poured gasoline around the outside of the theater, then ignited it after some of it had seeped inside.

The search for more victims in the charred theater continued Sunday as many of the victims, their bodies burned beyond recognition, were buried.

Police said entire families were wiped out.

It was a hot, muggy night in Abadan, an oil-refining city of 335,000 on the northern tip of the Gulf. The crowd had gathered at the Rex theater to see the Persian-language film "The Deer" and to escape the

heat in the air conditioned hall. Iranians often attend movies to escape the heat.

The fire broke out "from all sides of the hall," said Gholam Hussein Nemayandeh, 20, who escaped with minor burns through a roof exit.

About 10,000 foreigners, including many Americans, live in Abadan but police said none was believed in the theater, which is in a poorer, working class district of the city.

Police scoured Abadan for those responsible for setting the fire, but reported no arrests.

The theater attendant, Hamid Payan, was arrested, as was owner Ali Naderi. Charges were not announced, but there was speculation they might be charged with negligence.

Locking the doors of public assembly places is a common anti-terrorist measure in Iran. A time bomb went off in the

basement of the burned theater two months ago, and police said Payan told them he feared another attack. There were no fatalities in the earlier bombing.

The Shah of Iran, in a message to families of the victims, promised severe punishment for the arsonists.

Saturday night's fire followed a number of less serious incidents including blazes in other cinemas during the recent wave of anti-government riots.

The official Pars News Agency said the Abadan fire was the work of saboteurs and that the demonstrators who gathered in several towns Sunday to protest against it were condemning terrorists.

The blaze was systematically started at four areas of the cinema and by 10 p.m. had engulfed the entire building, the government said.

First reports said the cinema

doors were locked from the outside by the arsonists but officials said later this was not correct.

Nearly 20 hours after the disaster, details were still confused.

Weeping relatives of the dead searching through the rubble for their loved ones, but most of the bodies were burned beyond recognition.

Rescue workers were trying to identify victims from rings, watches and other possessions not destroyed by the flames.

Witnesses said bulldozers were digging mass graves for the dead and bazaar shopkeepers donated hundreds of yards of white cotton cloth for funeral shrouds.

Witnesses said at least 2,000 people gathered outside police headquarters in Abadan as news of the disaster spread, condemning political violence and demanding severe punishment for those responsible.

Israel reasserts interest in partial pact with Egypt

TEL AVIV, Aug. 20 (Agencies)—Prime Minister Menachem Begin Sunday reasserted his interest in a "partial, permanent" agreement with Egypt. Begin said he has a "concrete project" for such a pact to be discussed at the Camp David summit with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and U.S. President Jimmy Carter next month.

Israel's cabinet met to discuss the positions Israel will carry to the Sept. 5 summit, and Begin told reporters afterward that final decisions would be taken next Sunday on Israel's strategy and the makeup of the Israeli delegation.

Begin dodged a question on his reaction to Washington's willingness to be a "full partner" in the Mideast peace negotiations, saying, "you must ask the Americans."

Begin has said that the posi-

tion of an American plan would not be a good idea.

"I warn against the submission of a plan by the United States since she is not a party to the conflict, which should be resolved only by the involved parties," he said in an interview published Sunday in the government-controlled Arabic-language daily "al-Anba."

In the interview with reporters after the cabinet session, Begin willingly discussed the "partial, permanent" agreement, an idea which has become the main current in his public comments since the fruitless Israel-Egypt-U.S. foreign ministers' conference in Britain a month ago.

Israel wants full peace treaties, Begin said. But if "insurmountable difficulties" block agreement on treaties with the Arabs, "Israel will be prepared to deal with partial, permanent agreements... The idea is that we will create conditions for peaceful relations, which are very important even before you sign peace treaties."

"I will bring a direct, concrete project connected with the idea of agreements — partial but permanent — when we meet with the two presidents," Begin said.

He refused to give details, indicating it would have to be approved by the cabinet next Sunday. The Israeli chief of staff, Lt. Gen. Rafael Eytan, was present for the session, suggesting that the ministers may have discussed an Israeli army pullback to new defense lines in the Sinai peninsula.

Begin admitted that Egypt and the United States may not like the idea. Egypt already has rejected the suggestion, but Begin said that Egypt's reaction was not seen here as an "utter rejection."

In Cairo "al-Ahram" Sunday said Egypt's position paper for next month's Middle East peace summit at Camp David will include security guarantees for Israel.

It said Egypt was formulating practical proposals that would also guarantee Israel's withdrawal from occupied Arab lands and achieve a comprehensive settlement.

The draft paper will be presented to the Camp David summit.

The Egyptian proposals will be based on security guarantees for all the parties concerned

and on the principle of allowing the Palestinians to participate in determining their future," the paper said.

It said the security arrangements were included in Egypt's six-point peace project presented during a meeting in Britain last month between the foreign ministers of Egypt, Israel and the United States.

The six points called for the return of the West Bank to Jordan and the Gaza Strip to Egypt for a transitional period not exceeding five years, at the end of which the Palestinians living there would be able to determine their own future.

Israel rejected the Egyptian proposal and offered a limited self-rule for the Palestinians under continued Israeli military presence. Egypt had refused the Israeli terms.

Arafat agrees to meet Bakr

BEIRUT, Aug. 20 (Agencies)—Palestinian commando leader Yasser Arafat has accepted a proposal for a reconciliation meeting with Iraqi President Ahmad Hassan Bakr, the president of the American-Arab Relations Committee said here Sunday.

Muhammad Mehdi also said that the proposed summit might include President Hafez Assad of Syria whose regime has been at loggerheads with the Baghdad government.

Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organization and the Iraqis have been locked in a virulent war of words, trading attacks involving their diplomats in Western Europe and Asia.

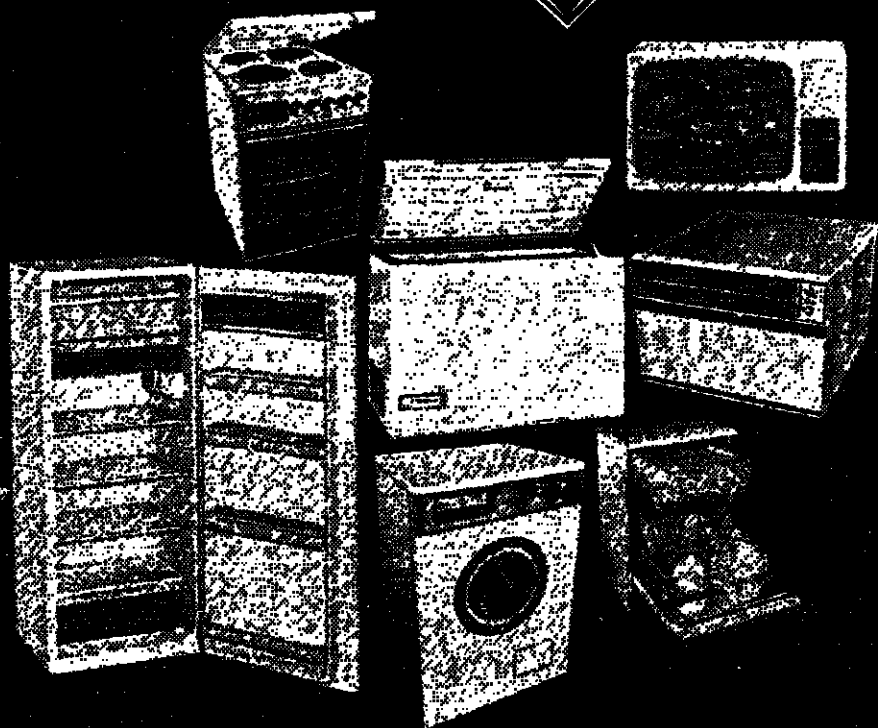
The New York-based Mehdi said he was to confer with Assad in Damascus Monday and with Bakr in Baghdad later in the week to "try and unify Arab efforts to meet the Sadat-Begin Camp David challenge."

"Arafat told me he would

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Steel	14,828
Maize	00,560
Flour/Wheat	05,875
Rice	03,637
General Foodstuffs	33,854
General	74,982
Sugar	00,280
Tea	—
Fruits	07,226
Poultry	02,836
Meat	00,166
Eggs	00,124
Total	242,930
HEADS OF LIVESTOCK	31,882

Riad continues unity tour

ABU DHABI, Aug. 20 (Agencies)—Arab League Secretary-General Mahmoud Riad arrived here Sunday on the sixth leg of an Arab tour to canvass support for holding next month's Arab League Council meeting in Khartoum instead of Cairo.

The official Emirates News Agency said he was due to stay here for 24 hours before heading for Sanaa and Khartoum.

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) is one of five Arab states which so far agreed to attend the meeting in Khartoum on Sept. 12.

Riad said that changing the venue would enable hardline opponents of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's peace policies to attend. These—Syria, Algeria, South Yemen, Libya and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO)—have vowed to boycott any Arab League meeting in the Egyptian capital as long as Sadat maintained his direct contacts with Israel. The League head-

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On relations, Arab issues

Saud Al-Faisal, Asnag confer

TAIF, Aug. 20 (SPA) — Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal conferred for two and a half hours Saturday evening with North Yemen's Foreign Minister Abdullah Al-Asnag.

Sheikh Abdul Rahman Mansour, deputy foreign minister for political affairs, attended the meeting.

Talks dealt with Arab solidarity, the forthcoming meeting of the Arab League Council, the coordination of the Arab stand at the U.N. General Assembly in September and Saudi-Yemeni relations.

Asnag told reporters they also discussed the proposed agenda for the forthcoming session of the Saudi-Yemeni Coordination Council.

He said that views were, as usual, identical between both

sides on all Arab and international issues.

North Yemeni Ambassador Hammoud Al-Jaefi took part in the meeting.

Asnag had arrived in Jeddah Saturday evening for a short visit to Saudi Arabia.

He immediately flew to Taif

for his talks with Prince Saud. He said on his arrival that his visit was in response to an invitation from the prince.

Asnag was met at the airport by the head of the Foreign Ministry's Protocol Department, Salem Sunbul, and Ambassador Al-Jaefi.

Again calls for gradual increases

Yamani: Kingdom to retain dollar for oil

JEDDAH, Aug. 20 (Agencies) — Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani said in an interview published Sunday that Saudi Arabia will retain the dollar as the currency for oil pricing.

He also said that a sharp rise in prices in the 1980s would do the world economy more harm than several gradual increases.

But Sheikh Ahmad told "Al-Madina" that the problem in the future would not be the price of oil, but "whether or not we have crude oil."

He said companies operating in Saudi Arabia were aware of the government decision to change the ratio output of light crude and that it would continue to out production of Arabian light crude to reach a correct output level against heavy crude.

He noted that at present there was a surplus of light crude on the world market because of the North Sea production, and that OPEC members such as Nigeria, Libya and Algeria were suffering from the surplus because they could not find markets for their own production.

But Sheikh Ahmad warned that proven reserves of light crude were limited and being depleted rapidly. He added that all future energy alternatives such as coal or atomic power would replace heavy crude, and that was a development which would increase demand for light crude at a time when

its reserves began to dwindle.

Referring to the decline in the value of the dollar, Sheikh Ahmad rejected the idea that it had been caused by the an-



Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani

nouncement that OPEC was willing to use a basket of currencies to compute oil prices.

"Though such an announcement may have had a psychological effect and may have led to currency speculation, the effect is temporary."

The decline, as some had claimed, might be a policy move by the U.S. in its economic battle with Japan and West Germany "as a means of forcing Japan to reduce its trade surplus."

Sheikh Ahmad was emphatic about retaining the dollar as the unit of account for oil pricing.

He said: "We heard some

Holy Quran supply agreement reached

MECCA, Aug. 20 (SPA) — An agreement has been reached between the Muslim World League and Habib Bank of Pakistan to open an account for receiving donations for printing one million copies of the translation of the meaning of the Holy Quran.

Sheikh Safwat Al-Sagga, the league's assistant secretary general, who made the announcement Sunday, said the copies will be printed in Urdu and English and will be distributed in different parts of the sub-continent.

Aide hits at Zionists over attack on Al-Aqsa

TAIF, Aug. 20 (SPA) — Minister of Justice Sheikh Ibrahim Muhammad Al-Sheikh Sunday condemned the "Zionist criminal assault" on the Aqsa mosque.

In a message issued to commemorate the attack on the mosque, the minister said that the "Zionists were led to commit this crime by their hatred of Islam and Muslims." Their act "had left an ugly impression in the heart of every Muslim since it had amounted to a humiliation of Muslim shrines."

Al-Sheikh said it was not strange for the "Jews to perpetrate this ignoble act, as their history was replete with such kind of treason and treachery."

He added that every Muslim remembered this "criminal deed" in this sacred month and "looked forward to the day when God will rid the mosque of the Jewish desecration." He reminded Muslims that they could not return to the mosque unless they raised the banner of jihad in the path of God.

The minister issued another message to commemorate the Badr victory. He said that in the battle of Badr God had differentiated between the truth and falsehood, granted dignity to Islam and Muslims and humiliated idolatry and its followers.

Radio, T. to relay Tara wih prayers

JEDDAH, Aug. 19 (SPA) — During the last 10 days of Ramadan radio and television will relay live from the Prophet's Mosque the "wih" prayers to all parts of the Kingdom.

Instructions were given Sunday by Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abd al-Munim, who also directed officials to stick scrupulously to Islamic conduct in all TV radio features, especially those 10 days.

Holy Kaaba covering cost SR 6.2m

JEDDAH, Aug. 20 (SPA) — The Kiswa (covering) of the Holy Kaaba has cost SR6.2 million this year, Ziad Mohi-uddin Khoja, manager of the Kiswa factory said in Mecca Sunday.

Besides some technicians, 160 men worked at the factory. The Kiswa, which takes a full year to complete, is made of silk, gold and silver thread in addition to coloring and acids used in the manufacture of silk. The new Kiswa is presented to the Custodian of the Holy Kaaba every year before the fourth of the month of Zil Hija (the last lunar month).

Besides making the Kiswa, the factory also manufactures long carpets for distribution among mosques in remote areas. Khoja said, and added that a special section will be opened soon for the manufacture of all sizes of flags.

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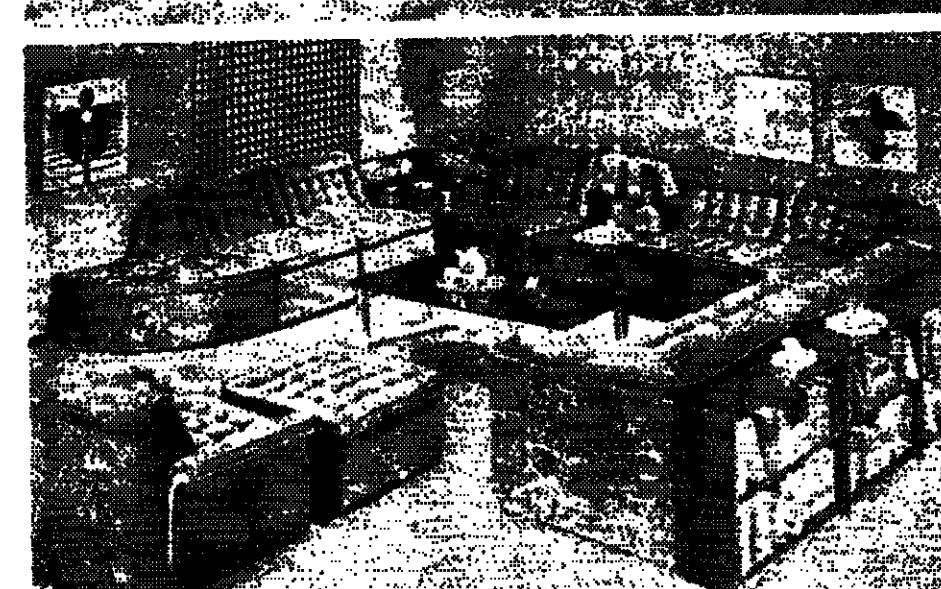
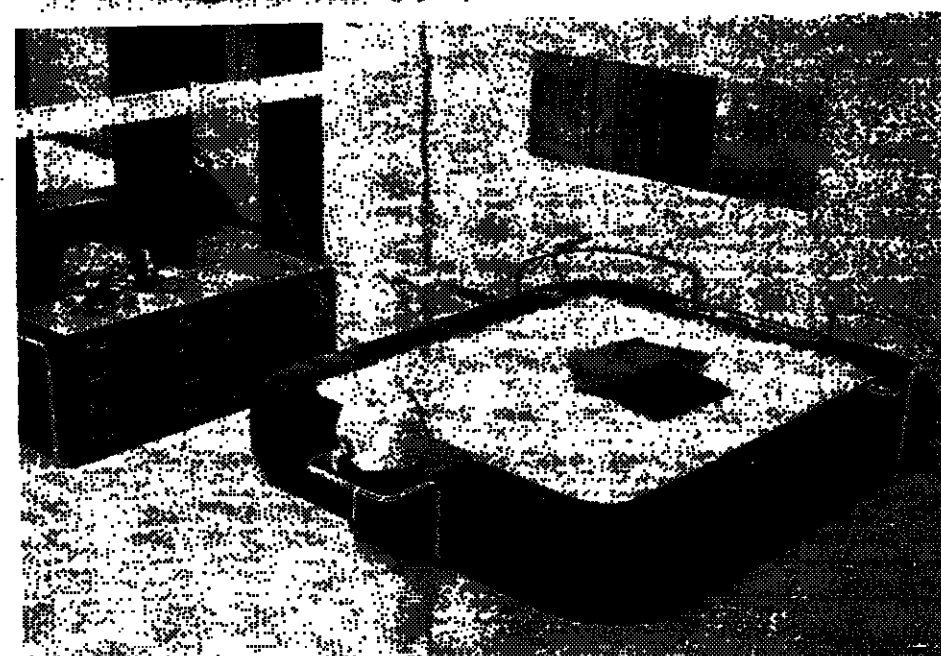
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Malaysians urged to give support to Palestinians

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug. 20 — Malaysian Foreign Affairs Minister Tengku Ahmad Rithauddeen Sunday called on Malaysians to give their fullest cooperation to the Palestinian struggle.

Jordanian found dead in Greek seaside hotel

ATHENS, Aug. 20 (AP) — A Jordanian, Suleiman Ahmed al-Motlak, was found murdered Saturday and that there were indications he could have been a member of a guerrilla group sent here to execute a mission.

Police said a search of Al-Motlak's rented room at a sea-side hotel uncovered a suitcase full of explosives. Motlak, 30, was shot three times by unknown assailants before he was found.

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It was the duty of all Muslims to observe the day until the mosque, the third holiest shrine of Islam, was liberated from Israel, Tengku Rithauddeen said.

The minister said the arrogance of Israel and its refusal to heed world public opinion and calls by the United Nations and the Islamic Conference to evacuate Arab Jerusalem and other Arab territories, epitomized its evils.

Tengku Rithauddeen said Israel's arrogance had caused untold suffering and violations of legitimate and inalienable rights of the Arab and Palestinian peoples.

Tengku Rithauddeen said: "This show of contempt and disrespect for justice and the human spirit is a major factor that continues to pose a threat to international peace and security."

Jordan lauds ties with Soviet Union

AMMAN, Aug. 20 (R) — Jordan's Prime Minister Modar Badran Sunday expressed satisfaction with the state of relations between his country and the Soviet Union and hopes they would continue to grow.

In a message to Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko released by the official Jordan News Agency Badran said: "I wish to seize this opportunity to express our great satisfaction with the state of relations between our two countries in all fields."

"I hope that they would continue to grow to serve the interests of our two brotherly peoples and peace in the Middle East and the whole world," Badran said in the message on the 15th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Amman and Moscow.

Replying, Gromyko said that the successful development of their relations was based on the principles of equality, sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of other countries.

Arab Boycott blacklists 14 companies

DAMASCUS, Aug. 20 (AP) — The Arab Boycott of Israel Office announced Sunday it has blacklisted 14 foreign firms and companies for dealing with Israel.

No names were announced, but a statement said all dealt in pharmaceuticals. They include two American firms, five Indian companies and others from Romania, Malta, Switzerland, Denmark and Iran.

The office also lifted the name of five foreign companies from the blacklist after they stopped dealing with Israel, the statement said.

Eritrean rebels repulse 3rd attack in five days

KHARTOUM, Aug. 20 (R) — Eritrean guerrillas have repulsed a third attack in five days by Ethiopian government forces trying to advance northwards on the town of Keren, a guerrilla spokesman said Sunday.

The spokesman for the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF) said 350 Ethiopian troops had been killed, 600 wounded and 20 captured in 14 hours of heavy fighting on Friday near the village of Embaderbo, between Keren and the provincial capital Asmara.

Keren, the last main town in guerrilla hands, has become the principal focus of the government's 10-week military offensive in Eritrea, diplomatic sources here said.

The EPLF also said two tanks were destroyed and large quantities of weapons captured in Friday's battle in the steep valleys of the Eritrean highlands.

Earlier last week, the EPLF announced that they had killed

2 Austrians with UNDOF killed in Golan accident

JERUSALEM, Aug. 20 (R) — Two Austrian soldiers serving with the Austrian detachment in the U.N. Disengagement Observation Forces (UNDOF) on the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights were killed and 13 injured in a road accident Sunday, the U.N. headquarters here said.

A U.N. spokesman said the men had been traveling in a truck which overturned between their base at Kuneitra and Tiberias.

The wounded were taken by Israeli army ambulances and helicopters to hospital in Haifa.

Earlier reports had spoken of Austrian soldiers serving with the U.N. Interim Forces in Lebanon (UNIFIL).

The Austrian contingent is part of the U.N. forces observing the disengagement agreement with Syria.

Afghanistan to pursue non-interference policy

NEW DELHI, Aug. 20 (R) — President Noor Muhammad Tarakki of Afghanistan said his country is pursuing an independent policy of non-interference in the affairs of other countries, according to a speech monitored by All India Radio Sunday.

He said Afghanistan would not tolerate outside interference in its internal affairs.

The speech came after President Tarakki took over as defense minister, having smashed a plot to overthrow his four-month-old government.

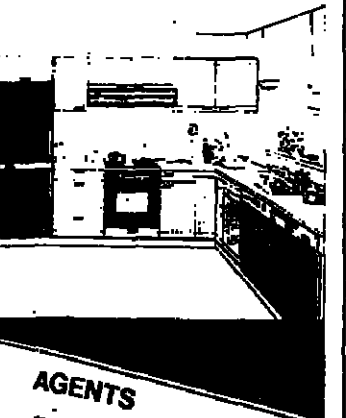
"We shall not allow any country to interfere in our internal affairs," he said.

There was no direct reference in President Tarakki's speech to the arrest of the defense minister, Brig.-Gen. Abdul Khadir, and the chief of general staff, Maj.-Gen. Shahpur.

But President Tarakki said the members of the armed forces know "where their interests lie."

He said there were elements making false propaganda and

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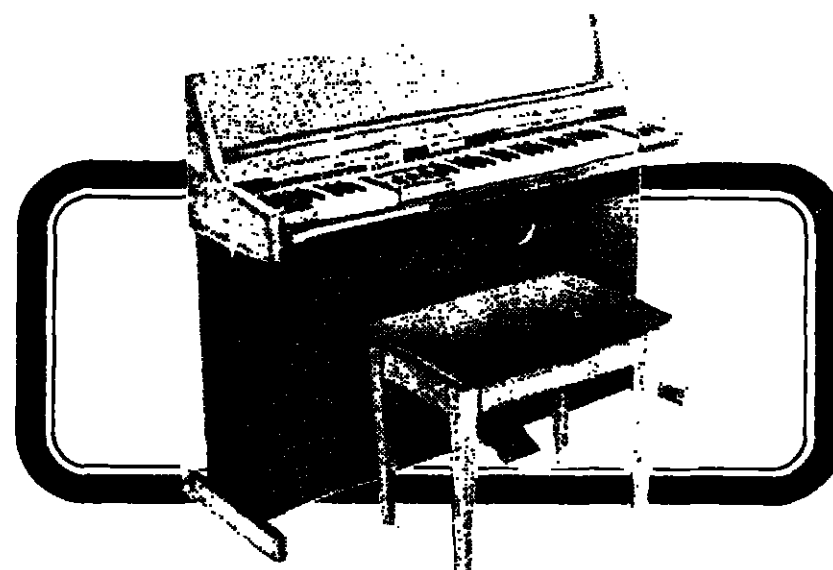
Trudeau invites Sadat to Canada

CAIRO, Aug. 20 (UPI) — President Anwar Sadat has received an invitation from Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau to visit Canada on his way back from the

Camp David meeting next month. "al-Ahram" newspaper reported Sunday.

Sadat will meet President Carter and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin at Camp David, Maryland Sept. 5. The newspaper said that the visit will depend on the outcome of the Camp David meeting.

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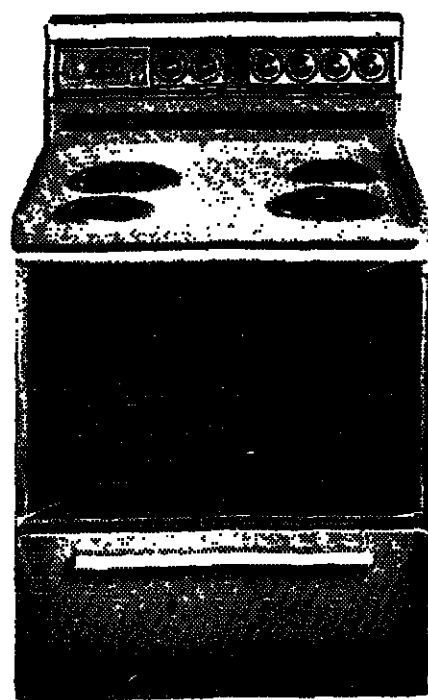
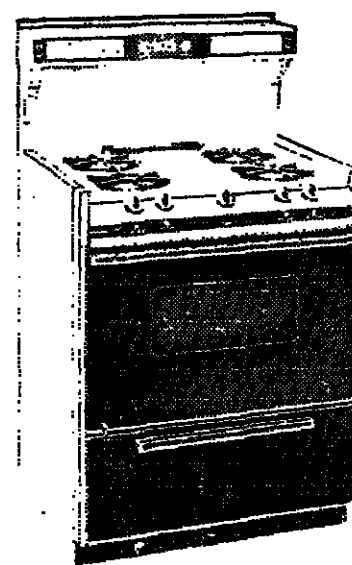
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At BAOR bases

W. German police take charge of investigation of bombings

BONN, Aug. 20 (R) — West German police Sunday took charge of the hunt for the unknown persons who exploded eight bombs at British Rhine Army (BAOR) bases on Friday night.

Police and the army's special investigation branch are baffled as to who was behind the bombings, the BAOR spokesman said.

Twenty-four hours after the carefully synchronized attacks no organization had claimed responsibility.

Armed mobile and foot patrols were out during the night and guards have doubled their vigilance at military establishments throughout the Rhine Army area where 55,000 British soldiers and their families are based.

Army experts defused and examined one 27-kilo (60-pound) bomb that failed to detonate. They said it had been made by an expert but was not of the type they were familiar with from similar attacks by the IRA (Irish Republican Army) in Northern Ireland.

In Belfast, Northern Ireland, police sources said they were behind the bombings.

Two members of West Germany's Red Army faction — the Baader-Meinhof group — are known to have traveled to Belfast earlier this year and to have met leaders of the Provisional IRA.

Police believe the bombs might have been planted by West German sympathizers on instructions from the provision-

nals, who lead the violent opposition to British rule in Northern Ireland.

German explosives experts Sunday were examining scraps of material sifted from the bomb sites in an attempt to make a closer identification.

The army said earlier the devices contained a commercial, not a military, explosive.

German police refused to make any statement on the investigation until their laboratory tests on the bombs are completed. They said this would take another 48 hours.

The army spokesman said the bombs, which ranged from two kilos (five pounds) to 27 kilos (60 pounds) in weight, all seemed to have been of different types.

The fact that German police have taken charge of the investigations could indicate that the perpetrators are believed to be Germans and not Irish as was originally suspected.

Japanese plan to protect diplomats abroad reported

TOKYO, Aug. 20 (R) — The Tokyo government plans to send more than 100 police and military officers overseas to protect its diplomats from possible attack by Japanese Red Army guerrillas, the "Sankei Shimbun" newspaper said Sunday.

Under the plan, subject to parliamentary approval, the officers would be stationed at Japanese diplomatic missions in 25 countries, mainly in the Middle East and Southeast Asia, the paper said.

Officers, now being selected, would be assigned probably by the end of this year. They would go as Foreign Ministry officials to avoid possible in-

fringement of the sovereignty of the countries concerned and Japanese domestic laws, the daily said.

No official confirmation was immediately available.

Government officials last month renewed a warning to Japanese diplomatic missions and enterprises abroad against possible hijack attempts by the Red Army guerrillas believed to be based in the Middle East.

The Red Army group has been responsible for several guerrilla attacks since 1970, the last being the hijacking of a Japan Airlines (JAL) airliner over India last September.

Daughter born to father with transplanted heart

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 20 (UPI) — The birth of a healthy girl apparently made Robert Dodge, who twice received new hearts, the first heart-transplant recipient in the world to become a father.

Dodge, 20, of Los Angeles, underwent transplant surgery in 1973 and 1976 at the Stanford Medical Center in Palo Alto, California, because of heart failure and a condition known as cardiomyopathy.

Since then, he has been taking large doses of steroids to prevent his body from rejecting the second transplanted organ.

Dr. Gary London, who Saturday delivered the child, named Sandra Jo, at Valley

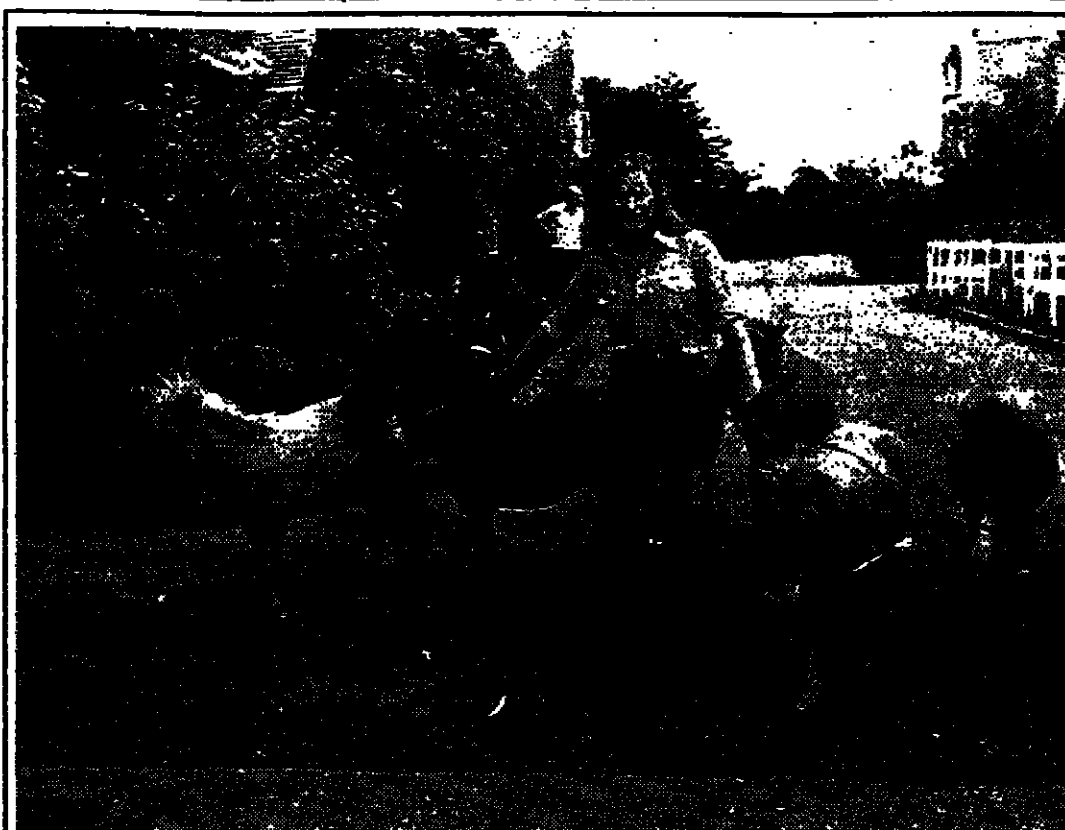
Presbyterian Hospital in the Van Nuys area, said the birth is unusual because steroids usually lower or interfere with sperm production.

"We think it's the first birth of its kind in the world," said London. "This guy is unusually young to have a transplant, and it shows transplant patients can lead normal lives."

The doctor said there also had been some concern about birth defects in the child, who was born normal.

"There always is when the mother or father is taking large doses of medication," he added.

Dodge said he and his wife, Susan, were not surprised by the birth.



RARE HORSES: Christine Larcombe, 21, looks after miniature horses at Kilverstone Wildlife Park, Norfolk. Belonging to a rare Argentinian breed known as Falabella, the horses grow to a height of 27 to 30 inches and live for about 50 years.

Consistent human rights policy urged

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20 (AP) — U.S. Senator Robert P. Griffin has called for a consistent human rights policy instead of "selective moral outrage" by American officials.

The Michigan Republican said Saturday the United States should be prepared to use incentives "to reinforce responsible behavior and punish irresponsible behavior" by the Soviet Union and other nations.

"We must project a policy of strength and consistency in our dealings with other nations. This means we must have military and economic capabilities that are second to none and we must make clear our willingness to use that strength, if necessary, to protect those things for which we stand."

Griffin said he is troubled by a piecemeal approach which he claimed is evident in the current U.S. human rights policy.

The senator, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, spoke in remarks prepared for delivery to the National Committee for Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms.

New daily newspaper planned for news-hungry New Yorkers

NEW YORK, Aug. 20 (UPI) — Rupert Murdoch, publisher of the strike-bound "New York Post," is one of several people helping to finance a new daily that will be available to news-hungry New Yorkers Monday, its publishers said.

Frederick Iseman, publisher of the "Daily Metro," said Saturday Murdoch has joined

with Metropolitan News Co. and four other newspaper distributors to provide "cash up front" for the paper, staffed

by employees from the three struck dailies.

Since Aug. 9, the "Post," "New York Times" and "Daily News" have been shut down by a strike by the 1,600-member printing pressmen's local No. 2.

Iseman said the "Post" had agreed to take 150,000 papers a day "to protect its home-

delivery sales" and Metropolitan News Co. will take 100,000. The other distributors will take the rest of the "Daily Metro's" press run of at least 400,000 copies a day, he said.

The lawyer, Rupinder Singh, said Sobhraj was found unconscious in his cell early Wednesday and taken to hospital where he was treated for a blood clot near his heart.

After regaining consciousness Sobhraj ended a hunger strike he began July 22 to protest jail conditions, Singh added.

In an unrelated case, Sobhraj was sentenced earlier this month to seven years hard labor for fatally drugging a young French tourist in a New Delhi hotel two years ago.

Asian authorities say the 33-year-old Sobhraj, who claimed he was a gem buyer, is responsible for as many as a dozen robbery-slayings in India, Pakistan, Nepal, Thailand and Singapore.

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Crosby, a university student, was being pursued by two officers late Friday when he allegedly ran a red light, Police Lt. Booth Shaw said Saturday.

The officers sounded their sirens as they chased Crosby about a mile into the Beverly Hills city limits, Shaw said.

Crosby was killed when he sideswiped a car and was thrown from his motorcycle, hitting his head on a parking meter, police said.

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Japan urged to seek return of islands occupied by Soviet

TOKYO, Aug. 20 (AP) — Japan should vigorously campaign for the return of four northern islands occupied by the Soviet Union, a ranking Japanese government official said in Nemuro, Hokkaido.

Sakomishiro Inamura, director general of the prime minister's office, said Saturday, "After the Sino-Japanese peace and friendship treaty, signed last Saturday, Japan should conclude a peace treaty with the Soviet Union as soon as possible."

But, Inamura added, "there can be no peace treaty with the Soviet Union before the four islands are returned to Japan."

Inamura arrived in Nemuro, 800 kilometers north of Tokyo, to attend a rally demanding "return of Japan's northern territory" scheduled for Sunday.

"There was no knowing how the Soviet government would react to the Japanese claim now that the Japan-China treaty has been concluded," he added.

"We must push hard our campaign for the return of the four islands which are part of our inherent territory."

The four islands the Soviets occupied during the closing days of World War II are Habomai and Shikotan, off eastern Hokkaido, and southern Kurile Islands of Kuanashiri and Etorofu, northeast of Hokkaido.

Japanese claims to the islands, which Moscow ignores have been the major stumbling block to concluding a treaty with the Soviet Union.

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Delegates resume talks on sea conference today

UNITED NATIONS, Aug. 20 (R)—The U.N. law of the sea conference Monday resumes its 11th session, after a 10-day adjournment for the summer.

The conference of some 150 nations has already met for a total of 47 weeks since it first opened almost five years ago in 1973.

Delegates are generally expected to have resolved 90 per

cent of the issues confronting them, which range from fisheries conservation and the navigation rights of warships to marine pollution and deep-sea mining.

But the remaining 10 per cent present the most difficult choices, and no decisions will be final until a complete package has been worked out.

This round, due to end on Sept. 15, marks a resumption of the conference's seventh ses-

sion, which was adjourned after meeting in Geneva from March 28 to May 19.

The conference decided last spring to set up seven special negotiating groups to focus on a number of hard-core issues.

These groups deal with: deep sea-bed mining—the financial arrangements between mining firms and a proposed international sea-bed authority; make-up and powers of the authority; access of landlocked states to fisheries in a proposed 200 nautical mile economic zone; dispute-settlement in the zone-definition of the outer limits of the continental shelf; and maritime boundaries between adjacent and opposite states.

The groups met with varying degrees of success and the conference is expected to give priority this time to the work of those dealing with the various aspects of sea-bed mining, the international authority, and the continental shelf.

If and when a treaty is finally completed it will be signed in Caracas, where the first substantive meetings were held in 1974 after a brief organizing session in New York the previous December.

Two vessels collide off Singapore

SINGAPORE, Aug. 20 (AP)—The 11,550-ton Iranian freighter "Aryaman" collided with the British tanker "Burma Teardrop" about five miles from Singapore near the Raffles Lighthouse Sunday.

No one was hurt. The "Aryaman", owned by Arya National Shipping Lines S.A., sustained a hole on the starboard side and was expected to be drydocked in Singapore for repairs.

The 140,512-ton British tanker, owned by Airlease International Nominees (France) Ltd., suffered minor damage. She was coming from Dubai in the Gulf to Singapore while the Iranian freighter was on its way from Chittagong, Bangladesh, to Japan.

Turks turning gloomy over economic recovery

ANKARA, Aug. 20 (AP)—Turkish leaders' hopes of last spring for a quick recovery from this NATO-member's worst economic crisis in two decades have recently given way to gloomy predictions.

Foreign banks and other lending organizations are cautiously watching the nation's economy instead of rushing badly-needed credits that were expected to help resolve the foreign currency crisis.

Finance Minister Ziya Muezzinoglu abruptly flew to the U.S. this week to try to save a crucial loan agreement with the International Monetary Fund (IMF). The pact is reportedly on shaky ground because of Turkey's alleged failure to live up to its terms.

When the accord was signed last March, Turkey believed it would serve as a "green light" for other lenders to pour in hard currency. Muezzinoglu predicted at the time that the economy would be "out of the woods" by September.

In exchange for IMF credits of \$450 million, the Turkish government agreed to curtail domestic demand, approve a lean budget, devalue the lira by 23 per cent, and adopt other austerity measures.

But Turkey's economic performance hasn't been satisfactory, judged against the IMF guidelines, a foreign economic source said.

For example, the country pledged to reduce the inflation rate this year to 20 per cent from 50 per cent in 1977. But the wholesale price index rose by 23.5 per cent in the first

half alone, and consumer prices gained 26 per cent.

The inflation rate this year is now expected to be about the same as in 1977. In addition, the IMF-imposed ceiling on central bank credits was exceeded several months ago.

U.S. favored for foreign investment

From Our Houston Bureau

HOUSTON, Aug. 20 — The United States at mid-year continues to be the major source of foreign investment and the favored place for other countries to invest, the Conference Board of New York has reported.

In the second quarter of 1978, private companies announced 167 foreign manufacturing investments, with more than 60 per cent of them to be in the U.S., the board said. U.S. companies accounted for about 40 per cent of all private cross-border manufacturing investments made outside the U.S. in the quarter.

The board is a business research organization based in New York.

It said the two largest private projects are a \$2 billion natural gas liquefaction plant in Indonesia involving the Royal Dutch/Shell Group and Mitsubishi Corp. of Japan, and a \$1.9 billion petrochemical complex in West Germany planned by Britain's Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd.

Former U.S. oil executive fined for price violations

From Our Houston Bureau
HOUSTON, Aug. 20 — Representing the first major U.S. oil company to face criminal charges concerning improper oil pricing after the 1973 Arab oil embargo, a former Continental Oil Co. executive vice president pleaded no contest in federal court here in a continuing investigation into alleged oil-pricing violations.

Willard H. Burnap, fired in December 1976 as head of

Conoco's Western Hemisphere division, was accused of knowingly selling gasoline in excess of federal ceiling prices and receiving under-the-counter payments.

The judge assessed the maximum \$5,000 fine carried by the charge on a recommendation by the U.S. government.

Burnap, individually and through his Conoco position, ordered, approved and knew of a scheme to circumvent federal regulations in August, 1973 during a transaction of gasoline sales between Conoco and two other U.S. petroleum firms, a prosecutor alleged.

The oil-pricing violations charges stem from an ongoing investigation by the U.S. Department of Energy and the Justice Department. Government sources indicate there may be more actions to come in the Conoco case.

In Stamford, Conn., a Conoco spokesman stated that the company had been informed of the court's actions concerning Burnap. According to Paul L. Bloom, the energy department's special counsel, the DOE is conducting audits of 34 U.S. oil companies. Seventeen of those firms have already been charged with more than \$1 billion in alleged pricing violations.

Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender 13M	Price SR 500	Closing Date Nov. 25
* Ministry of Education	Maintenance, operation and repairs of power generators at the schools for 78/79	xx	50	Sept. 10
* Saudi Arabian Airlines Tenders Department	Electrical installations for computer machines at Saudia building in Jeddah	xx	xx	Sept. 30
* Directorate of Health Affairs, Medina	Construction of power transformer station for Yanbu hospital	12M	3000	Oct. 28
* Ministry of Education	Building of secondary schools Model 1, comprising 27 classrooms in different areas	xx	200	Sept. 17
* Municipality of Hail	Construction of municipality's slaughter-house	xx	30	Aug. 26
* Municipality of Tabuk	Securing of fuel and lubrication of vehicles and machinery	1-98/99	20	Sept. 11
* Municipality of Khaiber	Illumination of streets with suspension lamps	17T	300	Oct. 14
* Ministry of Education	Securing of medicines and chemical materials	80-97/98	150	Sept. 26
* Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs	Demolition in the Jama Masjid area in Hota Sudair	26-96/97	1000	Sept. 30
* " " "	Fencing of five graveyards in Al-Rawda village, Hail	"	400	Oct. 1
* " " "	Fencing of four graveyards in Rasbaa village in Al-Mandaq	"	1000	Oct. 2
* " " "	Fencing of six graveyards in Douah, Mezzell, Al-Jard and Uhud bin Zaid villages in Al-Qunfuzah	"	1000	Oct. 2
* " " "	Fencing of graveyards in Al-Hebil, Al-Qunfuzah	"	1000	Oct. 3
* " " "	Fencing of graveyards in Shawardah, Al-Qoz, Thuluth Al-Sahwa, Samrah and Al-Manadili in Al-Qunfuzah	"	500	Oct. 7
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FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Opening Sunday:	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.36	3.35
ound Sterling	6.62	6.55
Deutsche Mark (100)	171.50	168.00
Swiss F (100)	205.00	204.00
French F (100)	78.75	77.50
Italian Lira (1000)	4.15	4.10
Japanese Lira (100)	117.00	116.50
Yuan Lira (100)	83.50	86.00
Egyptian Pound	4.90	4.83
Saudi Dinar	12.50	12.30
Jordanian Dinar	11.35	11.25
Iranian Rial (100)	88.00	87.50
Yemeni Rial (100)	88.00	87.50
Bahraini Dinar	8.80	8.75
Raqi Dinar	—	—
Iranian Rial (100)	—	48.50
Yemeni Rial (100)	75.00	74.25
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Saudi Arabia revives the cross-Channel swim with a strong cast

By Nigel Harvey

London Bureau

LONDON—If the weather breaks right, an international host of marathon swimmers will hit the waters of the English Channel in the next few days for open cross-Channel race that revives a tradition dormant for 25 years.

The race, which is being sponsored by Saudi Arabia, will involve 14 swimmers from ten countries who are training for the gruelling, 27-mile journey at Folkestone, Kent.

When the swimmers strike out from Shakespeare Beach below the Dover cliffs and head for France, several Arabs, including two Saudis, will be among the leading contenders.

Swimmers from the Arab world are gaining an increasingly dominant position in international marathon events. The English Channel is a familiar challenge for many of them, because the Kingdom has sponsored an annual pan-Arab race there for the last three years.

The Saudi national team holds the Channel relay records for the return trip and for the Cap Gris Nez-to-Dover run.

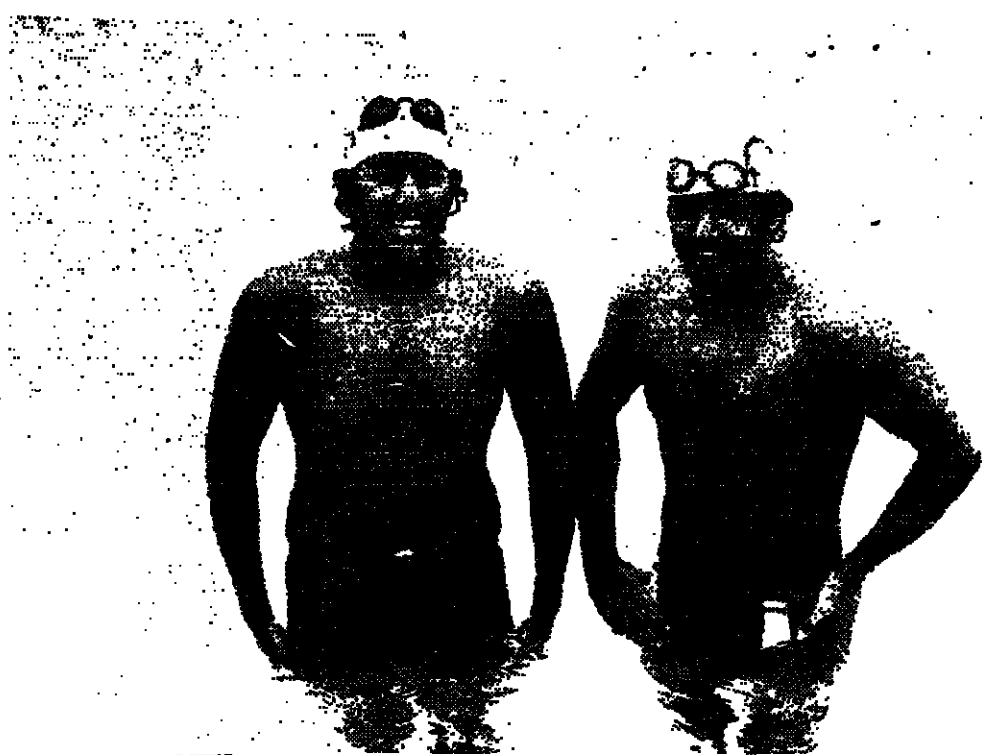
Egyptian and Saudi swimmers combined to take five of the top seven awards at a recent race at Lake Windermere in the English Lakes District.

More importantly, they together took three of the top four amateur places in July at the annual 43-kilometer Capri-Napoli race, which is unofficially regarded as the world championship of marathon swimming.

Rough conditions allowed only ten of the 34 Capri-Napoli contestants to finish. The race was won by John Kinsella, a top American professional who last week won the Lake Ontario marathon in Canada. Kinsella is not entered in the Channel race.

The top amateur spot in the Capri-Napoli race went to Nagi Abdullah, 26, a drug store employee from Alexandria. Abdullah was also the top amateur at this year's Nile race. The Channel race is Abdullah's first event in the chilly European strait, but trainer Gen. Helmi Moraghi denies that this will adversely affect Abdullah's chances.

Saudi swimmers Al-Said Fakr and Alawi Miki took second and fourth amateur honors in the Italian marathon. Fakr, at 17, is the Saudi team's



TOP CONTENDERS: Al-Said Fakr poses with his older captain, Alawi Miki



THE SAUDI TEAM: Amin Hashin, Anwar Saleh, Al-Said Fakr, Alawi Miki, Habib Qoraysh and Salah Habib.

rising star. He was ahead of his captain Miki, 22, in the Capri-Napoli classic. Miki, though, has been the team's top swimmer for the last several years.

Maki has led the Saudis to the top of the international swimming league. One trainer calls him "the backbone" of the team. He is expected to do well in the Channel race, for his times have been steadily improving over the 27-mile course for the last three years.

Maki is studying physical education at Alexandria University, and he hopes to continue his studies in the United States. He may well take over the training reins for the Saudi team in the future.

Maki told "Arab News" he may retire from competitive swimming next year to make way for his studies. But his trainers say he's still young and improving, and they would obviously be disappointed to see him go.

Ali libek, an Egyptian trainer on the team, says admiringly of Maki's success: "He is the central pillar of our team because he is a swimmer that doesn't leave the water during a championship unless he's un-

conscious. He swims and swims and does the best he can, putting all his energy into trying."

Maki is friendly and unassuming and says of his teammate Fakr: "I think he's the best; he's better than me." Though this may be yet generous, Fakr is certainly amazing: two and a half years ago, he couldn't swim at all!

Fakr was chosen from his school in Safwa for his natural swimmer's physique: large hands and legs, flexible shoulders, strength, a good float as well as long arms. He also has a boyish enthusiasm to carry him through the tough training sessions.

His first channel swim last year was impressive, and he was close to Maki, who in turn was only 20 minutes behind the Egyptian winner, Nasser Al Shazely. Shazely was to race this year in the Channel competition, but has been held up with other races in Canada.

The Saudi sessions now stretch to about 5 hours a day at the large open-air swimming pool in Folkestone and the swimmers are closely monitored by a team of highly trained experts.

The Kingdom's jump into

top-flight swimming has been no accident. Steady improvement has come over the last four years under the watchful eye of chief trainer Kamal Mahrous and with support from the Department of Youth Welfare.

The full six-man Saudi team is in Folkestone, although each country may only enter two swimmers for the channel race. But the other four are all under 16, and they have been competing in Canada and Britain as well as the Capri-Napoli race.

The tour is providing them with valuable experience to ensure a solid team in the future. One, Habib Qoraysh is expected to reach senior standards as early as next year even

though he is only 15. This is his second year with the team, so the senior-level attention given to him is obviously paying off.

There is also an under-13 team being carefully nurtured in Safwa, where the national coaches have so far been based and where the team members all come from.

The Department of Youth Welfare however is building extensive swimming complexes in Jeddah, Dammam and Riyadh to expand the national talent net.

Saudi swimming is being developed on solid foundations for the future and already it is strong enough to have survived the tragic loss eight months ago of two of its main

swimmers in a car accident.

"There is no doubt," says Nasser Al Barakah, General Secretary of the Saudi Swimming Federation, "that we have had good results, and I am pleased with the team's success, particularly its rate of progress."

The President of Youth Welfare, Prince Faisal ibn Fahd Abdul Aziz (who is also President of the Egyptian-based International Long Distance Swimmers Federation), has provided 20,000 pounds for prize money and to cover expenses.

The 1,000-pound first prize has attracted top swimmers like the Saleh brothers, Mahir and particularly Marwan, from Syria. The Austri-

lian "King of the Channel" Desmond Reidford, who has made the crossing 12 times is also in the race. So is the six-foot, five-inch tall Sudanese giant Sultan Kigab.

There are two women in the race, and the 18-year-old Egyptian Nazla Faidallah takes strong competition from Corrie Dixon, the Dutch girl who beat Nazla for the top women's place in this year's Nile race. The American student, Penny Dean, who set a new overall time record for the Channel of only 7 hours and 40 mins two weeks ago has not entered.

Corrie's husband, Ray, from Great Britain will be a strong contender as will his team-

mate Kevin Murphy, who is shortly to attempt a three-way non-stop marathon.

But the Saudis with the Syrians and Egyptians have a good chance of taking the prize home to the Middle East.

Ever since Captain Webb made the first gruelling journey to France in 1875, the English channel has been a special challenge to long distance swimmers and this is particularly true for the new challengers on the international circuit.

Weathermen say the present strong winds are unlikely to drop enough for the race before Monday even though the swimmers have been on stand-by since Friday.

Art theft in Italy: A probable daily occurrence

By George Armstrong

ROME—The tourism posters are still right. Italy has something for everyone. It also has more of what it's got than any other European country. Other than the sun, the sea, the mountains, the snow and the food, Italy is a six-layered cake of art treasures.

It is unique in its Etruscan art. It has better preserved Greek temples than can be found in Greece. It has temples dedicated to the Roman gods, including the almost perfectly preserved temple dedicated to all the gods, the Pantheon. It has, in Pompeii and Herculaneum, the only two "complete" unchanged cities of 2,000 years ago.

About once a week foreigners read in their papers of an art theft in Italy. About twice a week Italians read of an art theft in their papers. There is probably an art theft each day, for some go unreported. A theft can be the work of an impoverished priest in a village selling ornate candelabra from the chapel which no one ever visits. But usually it is the work of professionals.

Italy's art treasures could be better guarded, but it could take the entire armed forces to guard every church, convent, museum, villa or ruin. (Every true it is proposed using the military—who have little to do during their 12 months of conscription—as guards inside museums, the generals and admirals give a firm "no.")

The only major work missing at the moment is Caravaggio's huge canvas of the nativity, stolen six years ago from a church in Palermo and, according to Italy's ace sleuth, Rodolfo Siviero, still hidden somewhere in this country.

Siviero is an outraged pessimist when he views his own countrymen's lack of competence in preventing thefts. The two most famous recent cases are the high-level thefts of Greek art—the large 2,500-year-old vase sold to New York's Metropolitan Museum in 1973 ("We were left with some of the missing shards, still in the tomb from which it was robbed," says Siviero) and the bronze statue of the young Hercules by Lysippus, found by Italian fishermen, smuggled out of the country, and since last year the property of the Paul Getty Museum in California.

Siviero, who holds ministerial rank, says that legal steps have been taken in both cases, but the Italian police must cope with New York and California laws, and the outlook is not good.

In the case of the two Greek works, both were probably originally brought to Italy by rich Etruscans, whose territory was concentrated mostly in what is today's Tuscany. The vase was found in an underground Etruscan tomb near Viterbo. The tomb, one of thousands, may have been found by a farmer with his plough, or by professional

grave-robbars using electronic gear to detect hollow vaults beneath the soil.

There are important Etruscan museums in Rome, Florence, Tarquinia, and other places, but most of the treasures found in this century probably are in private hands, usually foreign. The fishermen who found the Lysippus, which is his only bronze known to us, could have got from the government the equivalent of its worth (Getty probably paid \$5 million, but the Italian state estimate of its value would have been much lower), but instead they sold it for a song to a small-town antiquarian who

then sold it for a cantata to a bigger antiquarian and someone smuggled it into Germany. At least in Malibu, California, it will be well-cared for and well-lighted.

The endless number of robberies from Pompeii is explained by the lack of enough custodians. There are 160 men doing that job (on paper), but absenteeism is everywhere rampant in Italy. For the state to hire anyone, for any job vacancy, there first must be a nationwide competition, and the results are not known for years.

The main flaw lies in the nature of Italian bureaucracy itself. As Siviero said, and he

can only make suggestions, since the safeguarding of art works is in the hands of the 20 regional governments, "I would like to see them use guard dogs in Pompeii. One man patrolling with a trained dog could be very efficient."

If the man in charge were to do it on his own, using other funds, he could be penalized for embezzlement or for "abuse of office." And so goes a bit of Pompeii each day. The comforting aspect to the Pompeian story is that a large part of the once-rich city is still not excavated and its unknown treasures are safe from the robbers. They are prepared to wait.—(G)

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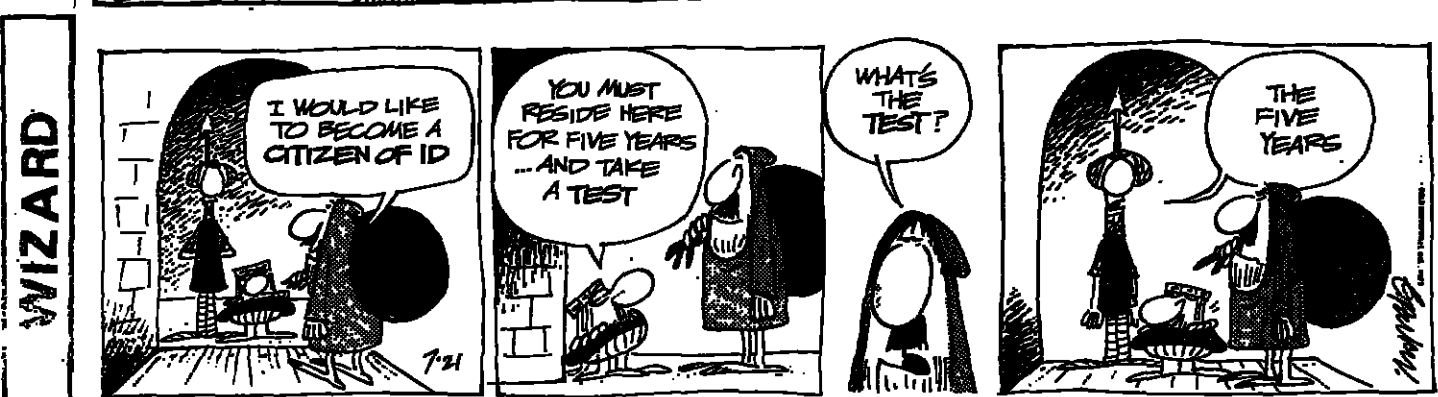
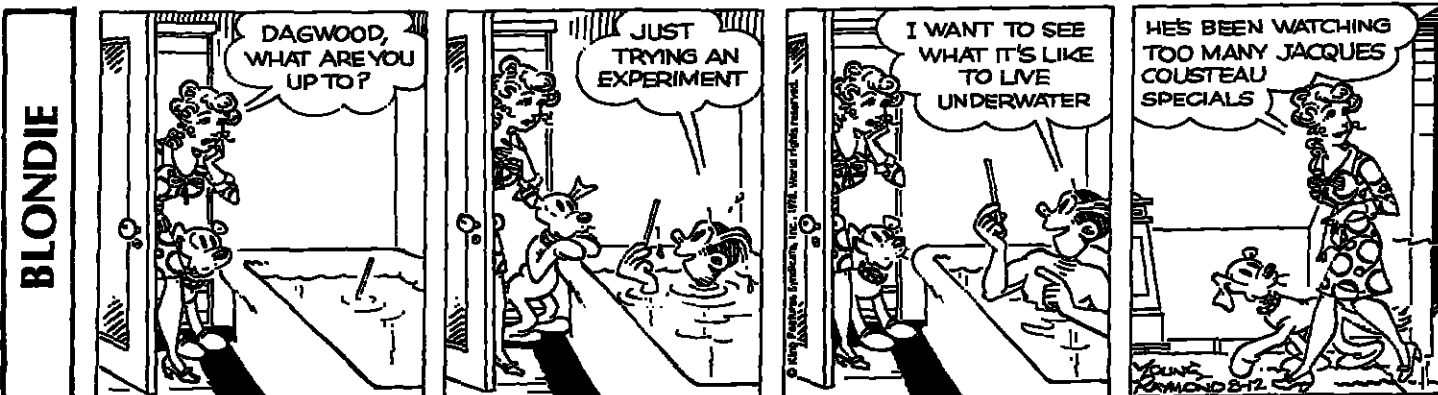
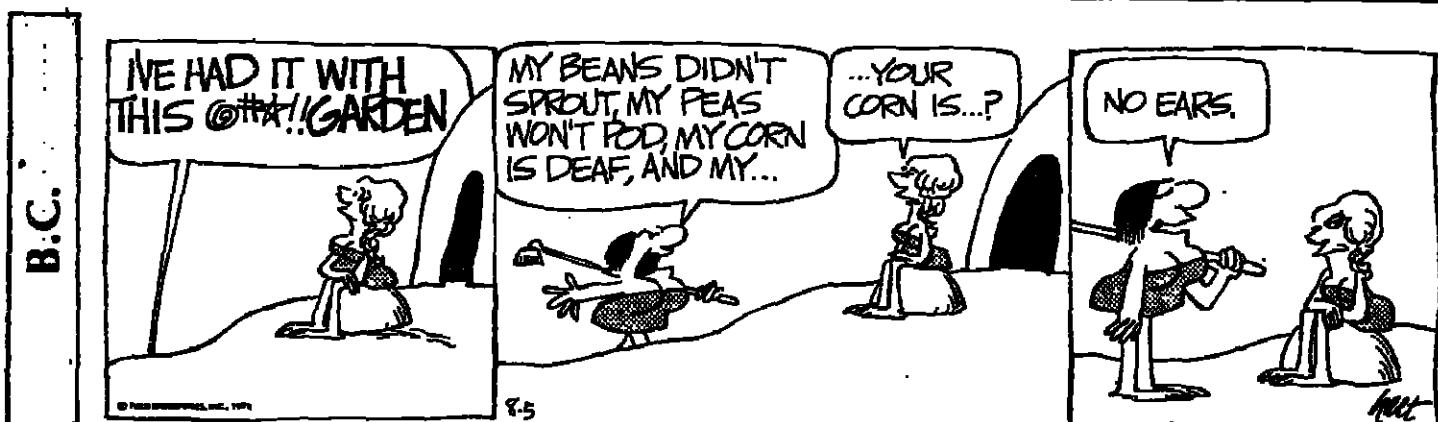
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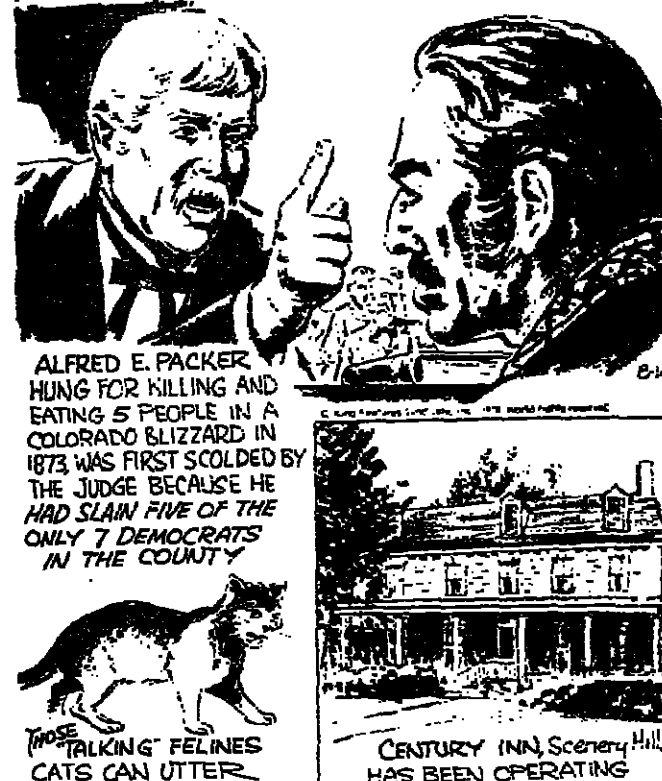
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Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

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1 Plant life

2 Editor's insertion

3 mark

4 Hazy

5 At the side

6 Marine bird

7 Redline

8 Bond

9 Turnover

10 Jewel

11 Stallone

12 Caustic

13 Mountain

14 Crest

15 Thing

16 Tricky

17 Shrew

18 Oriental

19 Kyle Rote's

20 New Orleans

21 Some movie

22 School Fr.

23 Circumvent

24 Veered

25 Hold back

26 Begin

27 Regions

28 Raffle

Yesterday's Answer

1 Hawaiian

2 veranda

3 Eased

4 Descartes

5 Put on guard

6 German city

7 Wing

8 Dreaming

9 Himalayan

10 high spot

11 Threshold

12 Kind of mill

13 Chris-

14 topher

15 Eternal

16 Ancient

17 Briton's

18 boat

19 Weathered,

20 as a storm

21 California

22 Judith

23 Anderson

24 Consumers

25 Classic

26 Part of

27 Suffix with

28 out or in

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE - Here's how to work it:

AXYDLBAAXE

LONGFELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

QWI AUNO RG KO UOQIVVU-

NIOQ XIRXVI UA QWUUY KDU-

VUQZ, QR BROQYRV IFRQUROA

DZ QWI KXXVUBXKURO

RG YIKARO. - FEYER FEOOIA

Yesterday's Cryptquote: AN HONEST HEART BEING THE FIRST BLESSING, A KNOWING HEAD IS THE SECOND.

THOMAS JEFFERSON

ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

PRAYER TIMES

MONDAY	Fajr	Ishraq	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghreb	Isha
Mecca	4:46	6:06	12:30	3:54	6:49	8:49
Medina	4:41	6:00	12:33	4:00	6:54	8:54
Nejd	4:13	5:37	12:02	3:29	6:24	8:24

DHAHRAN TV

3:30 Childrens Show	Mr. Rogers No. 1224. Zoom No. 432
5:00 Man from Atlantis	IMP
5:49 Jokers Wild	No. 493
6:08 Welcome BK. Kotter	No. 208 Chicken Ala Kotter
6:33 Harry-O	Mysterious Case
7:24 Health Education	Do it for them Mother
7:25 Barretta	Playin police
8:25 Second run Theater	Luv

WEATHER

Forecast for the next 24 hours:
The weather will tend to be moderate in most parts of the Kingdom, with surface winds blowing mostly northerly to northwesterly at light to moderate speed. Patches of rain clouds will gather over the southwestern highlands offering chances of sporadic thundershowers.
Sea conditions will be light to moderate in the territorial waters.

Sunday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)	Jeddah	Riyadh	Dhahran	Medina	Taif
37	38	38	41	33	25
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37	35	37	36	27	16
20	19	19	25	16	

SAUDI RADIO

MONDAY	Evening Transmission
2:00 Opening	10:00 Opening
2:01 The Holy Quran	10:01 The Holy Quran
2:05 Gems of Guidance	10:05 Reflections on Fasting
2:10 S.A. - A Daily Chronicle	10:10 Light Music
2:15 Music	10:15 NEWS
2:30 On Islam	10:25 S.A. - A Daily Chronicle
2:40 Arabic Songs	10:30 A Chat and a Song
2:50 Reflections on Fasting	11:00 With the Rising Generation
2:55 Music	11:10 Press Review
3:00 NEWS	11:15 A.B.C.
3:10 Press Review	11:45 Light and Guidance
3:15 Music	12:00 Man in Changing World
3:20 Melody Time	12:15 In Concert
3:30 Close Down	12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams
	12:59 Close Down

VOA

P.M.	News Summary
8:00 News Roundup	8:30 VOA Magazine: America; Science; Cultural; Letter.
8:30 Reports: Actualities; Opinion; Analyses	11:00 Special English: News
8:30 Dateline	11:30 Music USA: (Jazz)
9:00 News Summary	
9:00 Special English: News; Feature. The Making of a Nation	
9:30 News Summary	
9:30 Music USA: (Standards)	
9:00 News Roundup: Reports; Actualities	
10:15 Opinion; Analyses	

BBC

7:00 World News	4:40 Look Ahead
7:05 News about Britain	4:45 The Storytellers
7:15 Our own correspondent	4:50 World News
7:30 *Divertimento	5:00 *Book Choice
7:45 *Lives of Lives	5:15 *The Secret War
8:00 World News	5:45 Sportscafe
8:05 Reflections	6:00 World News
8:15 *The Pleasure's Yours	6:05 News about Britain
9:00 World News	6:15 Radio Newswave
9:00 British Press Review	6:30 *Radio Theatre
9:15 From the Weeklies	7:45 Face of England
9:30 New Ideas	8:00 World News
9:40 Look Ahead	8:05 Commentary
9:45 Sports Review	8:15 Letterbox
10:15 Scotland '77	8:30 Sunday Half-hour
10:30 Sunday Service	9:00 Theatre Call (ex 4th, Europa)
11:00 World News	9:15 *Europa (ex 4th, From the Music Festival)
11:05 News about Britain	9:30 From the Music Festival (ex 4th)
11:15 Our own correspondent	9:45 4th. Athletics
11:30 Theatre of the Air	10:00 World News
12:30 My Kind of Jazz (ex 18th, 25th, Let the Peoples Sing)	10:05 *Our own correspondent
	10:35 *Book Choice
	10:40 Reflections
	10:45 Sportscafe
	11:00 World News
	11:05 Commentary
	11:15 New Ideas
	11:25 Notes from an observer
	11:30 Folk and Country

Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake
FOR MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 1978

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 to Oct. 23) ♎

The spotlight is now on your material interests. Indications are that you will receive something of value - and in an entirely unexpected manner.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 20) ♈

Emphasis is on ACTION. You can now go ahead with plans conceived last week, expanding your interests considerably.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 to May 21) ♉

Where there is a difference of opinion in a job situation, negotiate rather than argue. Realize that you have the necessary backing and act accordingly.

GEMINI (May 22 to June 21) ♊

You could launch a new venture now if you have given it careful thought. A good day for promoting, advertising your wares; in general, to press on to better things.

CANCER (June 22 to July 22) ♋

Keep emotions under control now and do not make drastic or needless changes on the spur of the moment. Be especially careful in a romantic involvement.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 23) ♌

Generous solar influences favor new enterprises, with gratifying returns indicated. Coast is clear for ACTION - but within reason.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 to Sept. 23) ♍

Your intuition should be strong now. Just double-check to make sure you are not forgetting small details. Romance favored.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 to Nov. 22) ♏

Stellar influences encourage more of the grit and ingenuity that won laurels for you in the past. This will be a good day for innovations.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 to Dec. 21) ♐

Not a good day in which to speculate, but a fine one in which to seek information regarding future investments.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) ♑

Your morale should get a boost now. Some new light is shed on old problems and you should find more persons responding to your efforts. A brighter outlook indicated.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) ♒

A new approach to a business matter advised. Look beyond the immediate situation. Potential is greater than you may imagine.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) ♓

Don't give up on a pet project because it seems to lack lustre. Try a novel twist in approach - to restore incentive and get going again.

July 1978



Oakland A's shortstop Mario Guerrero

Oakland overwhelms Boston pitchers 8-4

NEW YORK, Aug. 20 (AP) — Designated hitter Rico Carty drove in two runs with his 22nd homer of the season and an infield out as the Oakland A's defeated the Boston Red Sox 8-4 Saturday and snapped

a seven-game losing streak. The A's got all their runs off Boston starter Bill Lee. Carty led off the second inning with a home run and the A's got another run on a single by Taylor Duncan, two infield

BAGUITO CITY, Philippines, Aug. 20 (Agencies)—World Chess champion Anatoly Karpov shocked challenger Viktor Korchnoi Sunday with two successive wins in the 13th world championship match.

The 27-year-old champion scored his twin victories in the resumption of their adjourned 13th and 14th games in less than three hours of play.

Karpov clinched the first win of the day with a stunning reversal over Korchnoi, who had been given a slight edge to win in the 13th game.

The 47-year-old defector had a big advantage in position when they sat down Sunday to resume the adjourned game—but experts acknowledged it

was a difficult technical task to make it decisive.

None of the experts felt that he could do worse than a draw, however.

At the adjournment on Thursday, Korchnoi had spent an inexplicable 40 minutes planning the sealed move he placed in the envelope. When opened Sunday, it turned out to be an obvious move.

As a result of his long contemplation, he was left with only 20 minutes for his first 15 moves—having to fight the clock as much as his opponent.

The brilliant defense of Karpov, who played black, turned the game in his favor when the 47-year-old challenger committed a serious blunder in the

56th move as he tried to beat the first one-hour time control.

From then on, when Korchnoi's queen was momentarily trapped in the king's rook side, Karpov started his relentless attack until the challenger resigned in 62 moves.

They played the first adjourned game in two hours and 10 minutes.

Half-an-hour later they had to resume the 14th game. This time it was the champion who held the advantage when they had adjourned. It was a much simpler task for him to turn his advantage into a win—and he made no mistakes in doing so.

Like Korchnoi's sealed move in the previous resumed game,

Karpov's sealed move also was no real surprise.

There was nothing Korchnoi could do to prevent a decisive advance of Karpov's pawns.

This time Karpov played white. Nine moves and 45 minutes later, the champion pushed his pawn to king 6 for a check and moments later, Korchnoi was a picture of a beaten man as he signed the scoresheet and rushed down the hall.

The two victories gave Karpov the lead in the \$550,000 series with three wins against a loss. The first player to score six victories takes the championship title which was stripped from American chess wizard Bobby Fischer in 1975.

Dibbs meets Clerc in tennis final

TORONTO, Aug. 20 (AP)—Eddie Dibbs defeated Chris Lewis of New Zealand 6-4, 3-6, 7-5 to advance to the finals of the \$36,000 Canadian Open Tennis tournament, where he will face Jose Lute Clerc of Argentina.

Clerc won a surprise upset over second-seeded Brian Gottfried after a thunderstorm briefly interrupted play with Gottfried leading 1-0.

When play resumed, Clerc, touted by some as the new Bjorn Borg of professional

tennis, took Gottfried 5-7, 7-5, 6-4.

Clerc is compared with Borg because of his cool disposition on court and tremendous topspin forehand shot.

Dibbs was down 3-1 in each of his first two sets against Lewis but could only rally to win the opening set.

Dibbs held service in the 11th game of the deciding set and

Hole-in-one gives Tapie golf lead

HARRISON, New York, Aug. 20 (AP) — Alan Tapie parlayed a hole-in-one and a birdie-birdie finish into a 4-under-par 67 and a tie with Gibby Gilbert for the third-round lead Saturday in the \$300,000 Westchester golf classic.

Tapie, a mustachioed non-winner in 4 years of tour activity, and the sturdy Gilbert had matching 54-hole totals of 205. 8 strokes under par on the hilly little 6,603-yard Westchester Country Club course just north of New York City, Gilbert shot a 68 in the warm, almost windless weather.

Hubert Green, who started with a front-side 31, cooled off to a 37 on the back nine and, with a 68, was one shot out of the lead at 206.

Lanny Wadkins assumed a commanding five-stroke lead in the third round of the \$100,000 Canadian Professional Golfers Association international championship by firing a course record eight-under par 64.

The 28-year-old American took advantage of better green conditions in the third round, rolling in eight birdies on the 6,647-yard Shaughnessy Golf Club in Vancouver.

His 64 gave him a 54-hole total of 201, 15-under-par.

Dale Hayes of South Africa shot a 68 and was in second place at 206.

In Dearborn, Michigan, Sandra Post, who surged to a 3-stroke lead at 7-under-par after 14 holes, bogeyed the next three, then recovered with a birdie on the final hole to take a 2-stroke lead after the third round of the \$150,000 LPGA event at the Dearborn Country Club.

4-2 decision over the Astros.

Philadelphia 3, San Francisco 0 In other National League night action, Steve Carlton pitched his 35th lifetime shutout and drove in a run as the Philadelphia Phillies stopped a five-game slide with a 3-0 victory over the Giants.

San Diego 3, Montreal 2 Randy Jones and Rollie Fingers combined on a five-hitter, and Jones drove in the winning run with an infield single in the sixth inning as the San Diego Padres downed the Montreal Expos 3-2.

Atlanta 3, St. Louis 0 Atlanta rookie left-hander Larry McWilliams, 6-0, tossed a four-hitter for his first major league shutout and complete game as the Braves downed St. Louis 3-0.

Chicago 2, Cleveland 1 In the American League, Francisco Barrios hurled a six-hitter and made a pair of first-inning runs stand up, leading the Chicago White Sox to a 2-1 victory over the Cleveland Indians.

Minnesota 5, Toronto 0 Minnesota rookie pitcher Gary Serun pitched his first major league shutout, a two-hitter, and home runs by Willie Norwood and Bombo Rivera powered the Twins to a 5-0 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays.

Seattle 4, New York 1 Seattle veteran Jim Colborn, 4-8, tossed a three-hitter against New York and designated hitter Bruce Bochte homered to give the Mariners a 4-1 victory over the Yankees.

Baltimore 4, Baltimore 3 The Angels remained in a virtual tie with Kansas City in the AL West with a 4-3 victory over Baltimore. Rick Miller singled home the winning run in the seventh.

outs, and a single by rookie Bruce Robinson.

The A's scored two more runs in the third on a double by Dell Alston, a single by Mitchell Page, Carty's infield out, and an error by Boston shortstop Rick Burleson.

Oakland got what proved to be the winning run in the sixth on a squeeze bunt by Mike Edwards. The A's added three runs in the eighth on an RBI single by Alston and a throwing error by Boston catcher Carlton Fisk that allowed two runs to score.

Kansas City 3, Texas 0 In other American League afternoon action, Clint Hurdle hit a two-run homer and Dennis Leonard scattered six hits to give the Kansas City Royals a 3-0 victory over the Rangers.

Cincinnati 9, Chicago 7 In the National League, Mike Lum's fourth hit of the game, a tie-breaking single in the 10th inning off relief ace Bruce Sutter, and pitcher Tom Hume's two-run single led the Cincinnati Reds to an uphill 9-7 victory over the Chicago Cubs.

New York 8, Los Angeles 4 The New York Mets won an 8-4 victory and ended the Dodgers' four-game winning streak.

Pittsburgh 4, Houston 2 The Pirates took advantage of some wildness by Houston starter Floyd Bannister for a

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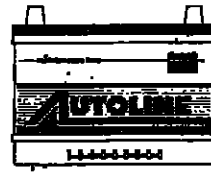
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NEW YORK (AP)—Ray Martin of Fairlawn, New Jersey, defeated defending champion Stan Hopkins 200-154 to win the 1978 world open pocket billiards championships Saturday at the Biltmore Hotel.

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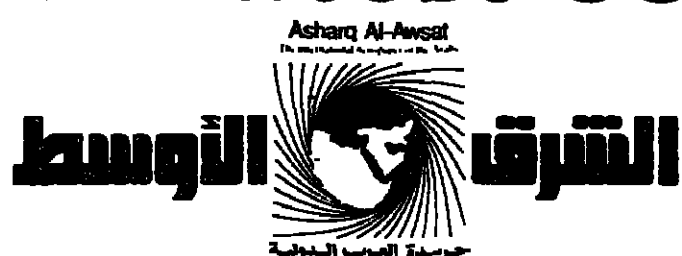
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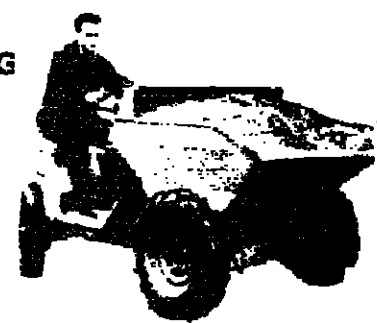
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Peking: Hanoi has rejected proposals on ethnic Chinese

TOKYO, Aug. 20 (AP)—China's official Hsinhua news agency said Sunday Vietnam rejected China's proposals that Vietnam stop discriminating against Chinese residents and prepare to take back Vietnamese citizens who have been driven to China.

The rejection came at a meeting Saturday between Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Chung Hsi-tung and Vietnam

mese Vice Foreign Minister Hoang Bich Son in Hanoi, Hsinhua said.

It said Chung had advanced these proposals along with others calling on Vietnam to abide by a 1955 agreement on Chinese residents in Vietnam and to send home Chinese residents he said were stranded on the Vietnamese side of the China-Vietnam border.

The proposal on sticking to

the 1955 agreement was also turned down, Hsinhua said.

Hsinhua Sunday also published what it called "a first-hand account of the mass persecution of Chinese residents by the Vietnamese authorities."

The Hsinhua story quoted a "middle school student," Huang Chieh, who said he spent 10 days in Vietnam's Lang Son Prison where he was beaten and forced to sign a form saying China "uses Chinese nationals (in Vietnam) as political tools to create obstacles in Vietnam's way to socialism."

Huang, his wife and two others were jailed when he tried to escape being drafted in the fighting against Cambodia earlier this year, Hsinhua said.

The agency quoted Huang as saying there were many Chinese still in Vietnamese prisons, including at least 100 at Lang Son, who were "subjected to inhuman treatment and frequently beaten up."

Nigeria seen involved in Rhodesia talks

LUSAKA, Aug. 20 (AP)—Rhodesian guerrilla leaders Joshua Nkomo and Robert Mugabe concluded their talks here Sunday and disclosed little of what was discussed, but there were signs that the Nigerian government is closely involved in Rhodesian settlement negotiations.

Speaking at an airport press conference shortly before returning to the Mozambique capital of Maputo, Mugabe, co-leader of the Patriotic Front, said the front was prepared to attend a round table conference "as and when they are held," and was awaiting word from the British government on the time and place.

But he repeated the now-familiar demand that guerrilla forces should be in charge of security forces during the transition period, and gave no sign that the front's negotiating stance has softened.

Mugabe flew to Nigeria after the first round of talks on Friday morning with Nkomo and President Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia. He had gone to brief Nigerian leader Gen. Olusegun Obasanjo, and discussed the possibility of increased Nigerian assistance to the guerrillas. But he stressed that arms, not troops, were needed.

It was learned that the former Nigerian commissioner for foreign affairs, Brig. Joseph Garba, accompanied Mugabe on the flight to Lusaka from Lagos, and held talks with unspecified Zambian officials.



OFFICE RAIDED: The United Press International office in Bogota after it was raided by three masked gunmen who sprayed the walls with slogans.

Soviet reaction seen unclear

Hua goes to Belgrade today

BUCHAREST, Aug. 20 (R)—Chinese leader Hua Kuo feng leaves for Yugoslavia Monday after a six-day visit to Romania which has a new chapter in the history of the deeply divided Communist world.

Hua, the first Chinese Communist Party chairman to travel outside Asia in over 20 years, departs amid uncertainty over how Moscow will react to Chinese attacks on its policies launched from Romania, the Soviet bloc's foreign policy maverick.

The Chinese leader has used his stay to try to spread to Eastern Europe Peking's view that the two superpowers, especially the Soviet Union, are seeking to control the world.

Since Hua arrived here last Wednesday, neither the Soviet Union nor the United States has been publicly mentioned by name.

Instead, the Chinese have made their points using their obscure code in which the Americans are "imperialists" and the Russians "hegemonists."

Hegemony, or domination, is the term Peking applies to what it sees as a Kremlin attempt to extend its global influence through subservient allies.

In a dinner speech soon after his arrival Hua accused imperialists and hegemonists of infiltrating and undermining other countries. He forecast that those who tried to rule the world today would come to grief like the empire-builders of old.

His remarks hit home in Moscow, where the official Soviet news agency Tass rejected the charge as being "far from reality" and accused Chinese leaders of making "blatant slander-

ous assertions."

A joint Romanian-Chinese statement on Friday, which Romanian officials said was agreed by both sides after four rounds of talks between Hua and Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu, omitted the word "hegemony" in apparent deference to Bucharest's position.

Instead it condemned "any forms of foreign domination

and diktat," a less sensitive phrasing.

But at a dinner last night at the Black Sea port of Constanta, number three man in the Chinese delegation, deputy Politburo member Chao Tsung-wang, again upheld "the common fight against imperialism, colonialism, neo-colonialism and hegemonism."

Yugoslavia has prepared a huge welcome for Hua.

Prague nearly empty on anniversary eve of Soviet invasion

PRAGUE, Aug. 20 (R)—Prague was almost deserted Sunday on the eve of the 10th anniversary of the Soviet-led invasion into Czechoslovakia.

Many people had left the capital for summer weekend trips and most dissidents decided to spend Monday in the countryside — on official advice.

A lone green-uniformed policeman circled around the equestrian statue of St. Wenceslas, scene of violent demonstrations here on the invasion's first anniversary in 1969, watching a handful of tourists and passers-by enjoying the sunshine.

Apart from a few military jeeps parked in streets leading to Wenceslas Square, there was little evidence of any build-up in the discreet watch which police have been keeping on the capital for the past month.

Outside Prague's central police station, one policeman ate an ice cream cone as he stood watch over water cannon and armored personnel carriers brought from their garages and parked in a side street.

Along the Vitava River, which runs through Prague, military lorries have been tucked in lanes between state buildings. But no effort has been made to block off areas which became flashpoints of violence on Aug. 21, 1968, as Soviet tanks rumbled through Prague and Warsaw Pact troops toppled the liberal regime of reformist Communist Party leader Alexander Dubcek.

Dissidents, who earlier month issued a statement denouncing the five-nation invasion of Czechoslovakia as a violation of international law, were told during police questioning they could spend a day out of town or in pre-trial custody.

Most have elected to use anniversary as an excuse. A long weekend and no test actions have been signalled by supporters of the dissident "Charter 77" human rights manifesto.

Dissident sources said many charists have decided to evacuate the capital, where majority of the 1,000 charter signatories live, after more than 60 were picked up and detained during a visit last May. Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev's Brezhnev visit, and I rather spend a day in the shining than in an interrogation cell," said one before slipping out of town.

Extreme orthodox Communists, who backed the Soviet invasion even in 1968, w Dubcek attacked it as break Prague's friendship treaty with Moscow, have also been told stay out of sight and avoid public appearances.

Unlike Hungary, which actually ignored the 10th anniversary of the 1956 uprising crushed by Soviet tanks, official media have issued da articles defending the invasion and trying to show that events of 1968 required for military action

'Charan Singh refused presidency of Janata'

NEW DELHI, Aug. 20 (R)—Ousted Home Minister Charan Singh has rejected an offer to become president of India's ruling Janata Party and resolve a long leadership crisis, a close associate said Sunday.

Former Health Minister Raj Narain, sacked with Singh on June 30, said Singh had no intention of accepting any responsibility in the party.

Cholera kills 25 in India

NEW DELHI, Aug. 20 (AP)—Monsoon flooding invaded numerous low-lying communities in four Indian states and a cholera epidemic broke out in a flood-stricken district in the eastern state of Bihar this weekend.

Twenty-five persons have died from cholera in Katihar district, 1,080 kilometers southeast of New Delhi. Authorities have placed the district under quarantine, it added.

Elsewhere in Bihar, air force helicopters dropped parcels of food and medicine to villages and towns isolated by flood water.

Official sources in Patna, the state capital, said that more than 8 million persons have been made homeless by the floods.

At least 75 persons have drowned in the state since the heavy monsoon rains began in June.

The unofficial death toll for the entire country is believed to have topped the 500 mark this weekend with 37 drownings reported in Himachal Pradesh, north India, and 15 in neighboring Uttar Pradesh.

Meanwhile, the New Delhi government was reported busy working on a long-term flood control program to curb the annual havoc caused by monsoon flooding, hoping to spend \$875 million on irrigation-flood protection schemes in the next five years.

Singh, number two in the government until his dismissal, Sunday rejected a compromise because he refused to retract a statement in which he alleged corruption at top government level.

Last Thursday informed sources said the two sides had reached an overall settlement. But Saturday Janata Party president Chandra Shekhar said he would not step down in favor of Singh unless he withdrew his allegations.

Shekhar told reporters in Patna: "People will have to make amends as allegations levelled by some have cut at the very root of the party."

Narain retorted Sunday: "The mighty president of the Janata Party has talked of amends to be made by Mr. Charan Singh as if he was in the dock and others were sitting in judgment over him."

He said Singh had accepted the original compromise formula without attaching any conditions.

Under the formula, aimed at resolving the bitter differences between Singh and Prime Minister Morarji Desai, Singh would become party president and nominate two supporters to replace himself and Narain in the cabinet.

Nine dead in Addis deluge

ADDIS ABABA, Aug. 20 (AP)—At least nine persons died Saturday night in the heaviest flooding recorded in the Ethiopian capital in 20 years, Addis Ababa Radio reported Sunday.

The rainfall also caused heavy damage in the low-lying areas of the city. The weather service registered an average of 93 millimeters of rain Saturday, surpassing the 56.2 millimeters registered in August 1971.

The radio said the death toll could go higher after firemen and rescue workers complete their work.

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London

ing the driver out of his cab. "An air hostess was lying on the ground and they were still firing and people were running terrified up side streets," said a chef who rushed from his kitchen.

Another watcher said: "A police car screamed down the wrong way in a one-way street after an Arab who was running away."

"Three men jumped out of the car and pounced on the Arab, who was shouting, screaming and kicking."

Police said they picked up two machine guns from the hotel forecourt.

Outside the hotel there was carnage.

Eyewitnesses reported several bodies slumped around the bullet-riddled bus, its driver's cab shattered by gunfire and sharpnel. Buildings across the street were peppered with bullet holes.

Scotland Yard declined com-

ment on the identity of those arrested.

El Al has long been a prime target. The last major attack on the airline was at Paris' Orly airport May 30 when El Al guards and French police officers fought a gun battle with commandos attacking passengers waiting to board a flight.

Two police officers and three commandos were killed.

Although El Al boasts a tight security for its planes, passengers and crew, airline president Mordechai Hod said in Tel Aviv that El Al would have to study the coordination of security efforts.

Israeli Transport Minister Meir Amit, a former head of the secret service, said in an interview broadcast in Tel Aviv that Israel had "general information" that foretold increased attacks before the summit at Camp David on Sept. 5, and had expected a rise in bombings in Israel.

Hoss

Urquhart had a meeting in South Lebanon with Lt.-Gen. Ennio Sillavuo, chief coordinator of U.N. forces in the Middle East.

Maj.-Gen. Emanuel Erskine, commander of the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon, also attended the meeting which took place at the U.N. command's headquarters in Naqoura, on the northern border of Israel.

U.N. commanders briefed Urquhart on problems facing the U.N. in South Lebanon.

Sultan

ed of events affecting the Palestinian Revolution."

Sharif said that Prince Sultan "showed full understanding and unconditional support for all the issues at stake."

Concluding his statement, he said that Prince Sultan reaffirmed the basic and unswerving stand of Saudi Arabia toward the Palestinians.

Riad

quarters is in Cairo. Riad visited Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Syria, Iraq and Kuwait before coming here.

Meanwhile, in Cairo, the semi-official newspaper "Al-Ahram" said Egypt has proposed a special Arab foreign ministers meeting in New York during the third week of September. The ministers would be there to attend the U.N. General Assembly meeting.

The paper said the aim of the Egyptian proposal is to give Riad ample time to continue his efforts in ironing out Arab differences.

Arafat

attend the proposed tripartite summit with no inhibitions as a result of the recent Iraqi-Palestinian rift," said Mehdi. "Arafat also told me he is a revolutionary man looking not to the past and its problems but rather to the future and its potentialities."

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- THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WHILE REMOVING THE VESSEL SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY ACCIDENTS OR LOSSES CAUSED TO THE PROPERTY OF THE PORT OR SHIPPING IN THE PORT.
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THE PORT ADMINISTRATION RESERVES ITS RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL THE BIDS WITHOUT ASSIGNING ANY REASON AND MAY DISPOSE OFF THE VESSEL OTHERWISE. THE PARTICULARS OF THE VESSEL ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NAME AND OWNERS: : MARGRIT 'B' PALETTE SHIPPING CO. S.A.
PIRAEUS GREEK FLAG.
TONNAGE : 11969 GROSS 6891 NET 17041 DEAD WEIGHT
CLASS : LLOYDS REGISTER UNTIL 4/72
DATE BUILD : 1955 BY A.G. "WESSER" WERK SEEBECK
DIMENSIONS : LENGTH OVERALL 162.11 METRES, LENGTH BETWEEN PERPENDICULARS 152.00 M, BREADTH EXTREME 21.04 M, BREADTH MOULDED 21.01 M, DRAFT MAXIMUM 9.456 M, DEPTH MOULDED 12.68 M.
TYPE OF VESSEL : BULK CARRIER MACHINERY AFT PROPULSION:
2 STEAM TURBINE DRIVE GEARED TO SC SHAFT
POWER 7300 SHP
ENGINES: SIEMENS : SCHUCKERT WERKE MULHEIM
SPEED : 14.5 Kn FUEL : 1717 ot (o.f.)

VESSEL CAN BE INSPECTED AFTER OBTAINING PERMISSION FROM PORT ADMINISTRATION BY INTENDING BIDDER.

FOUAD M. MOKHTAR
DIRECTOR GENERAL, JEDDAH SEA PORT.

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